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## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement that was previously filed on December 28, 2006, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner a European Office Action dated November 14, 2008 with respect to patent family member European Patent Application No. 05768662.8, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) US 6373557; and
- (2) SCHWARTE et al., "New Powerful Sensory Tool in Automotive Safety Systems Based on PMD-Technology" in "Advanced Microsystems for Automotive Applications 2000," edited by KRUGER et al., April 6-7, 2000, Berlin, Springer-Verlag, April 5, 2000, pages 181-203, XP8025759.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the European claims by the European Examiner, is set forth in the European Office Action.

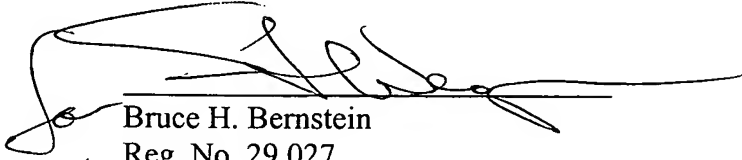
Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), a copy of the U.S. patent is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of above-noted document (2) is attached hereto, and all of the documents are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the European Office Action is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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